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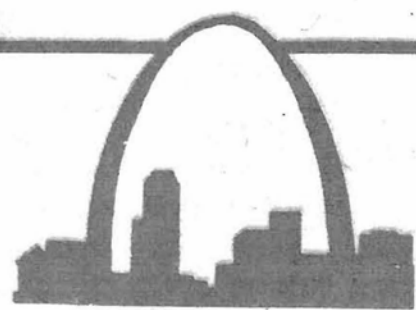
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Only one more month til spring break.



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Sibeko: Sanctions Needed For Change

by Kevin Kleine
editor

second installment of a two-part series

Americans can help the people of South Africa by continuing the sanctions imposed throughout the 1980s said Xhobisa Sibeko, a South African woman from the University of the West Cape in the Republic of South Africa.

Sibeko commented that programs like those implemented at the UM System are the biggest help in changing the Apartheid oppression.

The university adopted a plan calling for the divestment of about \$75 million in holdings in companies doing business in South Africa that did not adhere to the Sullivan Principles. Total divestment is expected to be achieved by January of 1993.

Sibeko came to speak about the women's movement in her country in an event sponsored by the Women's Studies Department.

"I would like to learn from the American civil rights movement," Sibeko said.

She compared the strikes by South African Blacks with the civil disobedience tactics used by Americans in the 1960s.

Sibeko told of how blacks were given the right to go to public pools and beaches.



"Yes beaches are open in South Africa, but there is a trick in that," Sibeko said. "There is a beautiful beach with a swimming pool and everything where many Afrikaners like to go. There is a fee for admission. Now with the striking of the groups at every act, they have raised the price

so that none of the working class can afford to go," she said.

There is a way around the prohibitive fee though.

"There's a tendency for us to go to the beach on certain holidays," Sibeko said. "So everyone saves their money to go on those days."

Until recent weeks, South Africa has taken a back seat to the fall of communism in Europe and the U.S. invasion of Panama and other world events. UM—St. Louis Assistant to the Chancellor for Minority Affairs, Norman Seay, said that the publicity of the struggle of South Africans also helps the situation of American blacks.

"Anything that is negative, people try to forget it or escape from it," Seay said. "That frequently is the value, in my opinion, of the news media periodically coming back to an issue. Anytime you have any type of demonstration it is exciting to the news media. Depending how it prints it, how it announces it and the climate of the community, the reaction might be one way or the other."

"I remember when the dogs were chasing the children right here in the United States or when children were hiding in the church and they bombed the church, that drew sympathy," Seay commented. "When South Africans were shooting the children when they were boycotting the school, all of those things have a tendency to gain sympathy and understanding. It keeps it on the mind."

"The Church has played a significant role," Sibeko said. "People like Bishop [Desmond] Tutu saved space for us in the churches. We could use the church as a venue. Some people

believe that everything lies in the hands of God. But we believe that God helps those who help themselves."

Sibeko is emphatic that changes in South Africa are mainly superficial, but there is some progress. Only continued economic pressure can put pressure on the government in Pretoria.

Arguments from the opponents of imposing sanctions were refuted by Sibeko. Opponents say that the sanctions hurt the blacks more than the whites.

"That is nonsense," Sibeko said. "We are used to struggle. I have lived with nothing. It won't really hurt us, but it'll hurt those who have never suffered before. Those persons will be hard-hit, not us," she said.

Sibeko said that they are seeing white starting to sew their own clothes

now due to lack of job security created by economic sanctions. She said that some whites are losing their homes as well.

"Before, you didn't know where to draw the line between the white working class and the middle class," Sibeko reported. "But now, we are seeing who is hit more than anyone—the white working class."

Developments like the proposed release of Nelson Mandela are merely a public relations ploy by the government to keep the world from imposing more sanctions on South Africa, Sibeko said.

"We have scheduled that day [of Mandela's release] as a day of protest," she said. "And we're going to march. Believe you me, people are going to be killed."

UMSL Grads' Job Prospects Good

by David Dickinson
reporter

UM-St. Louis students graduating this spring may have an easier time finding jobs than graduates from other colleges around the country. According to the UM—St. Louis Career Placement and Planning Office, students are being hired at about the same rate as a year ago—a statistic that flies in the face of a national downward trend in college recruitment.

College Press Service reported a bleak national job market for spring graduates during the October through December quarter of 1989. Career placement directors around the country noticed "a decided decline in hiring" during the last quarter of last year, and predicted a further decline in the job

market for graduates in 1990.

Michigan State University asked 479 key corporations and employers about their nationwide hiring plans for the coming year, and found the companies foresee making 13.3 percent fewer job offers to students this year.

Michigan State survey director Patrick Sheetz said companies cited a gloomy view of business conditions in 1990, mergers and buyouts, increased global competition and slow turnover of current employees as the reasons they have had to cut back hiring plans since 1988-89.

But that has not adversely affected spring graduates of UM-St. Louis. The Career Planning and Placement Office reports the number of businesses recruiting on campus up 23 percent from a year ago at this time.

Ann Wagner, Coordinator of the Placement Office, said that UM—St. Louis students are getting hired at approximately the same rate as last year, mentioning that reports of job acceptance by students were more numerous than last year as well.

The reason UM—St. Louis students are not afflicted with the malaise plaguing the rest of the nation is found in the person of the new Placement Office Director, Deborah Kettler, according to Wagner.

"The new director is very aggressively encouraging businesses to come to the UM—St. Louis campus," said Wagner. "She has managed to get some companies to come back that used to recruit here but had stopped."

In particular, Wagner said that Arts and Science majors are fielding more of-

fers than in the past, while placing accounting majors has become noticeably more difficult.

"Accounting firms are nervous about the economic climate, and aren't hiring nearly as much as they used to," she explained.

Wagner also said that employers are currently looking for students with more specialized degrees, because increased competition in the job market causes companies to look for students with specific qualifications.

But getting hired is only the first step. The Michigan State study also found that employers are willing to offer 1989-90 graduates average starting salaries of \$25,256, a 3.3 percent jump from last year's average. Inflation, meanwhile, has increased 4.5 percent, come back.



POINTERS:UM—St. Louis cheerleader Connie Smith teaches a future cheerleader some of the finer points of raising school spirit.(photo by Kevin Kleine)

Mathematics, English Scholarships To Be Awarded

by Candace M. Carrabus
reporter

With the increasing difficulty in receiving financial aid, it's important to realize the number of scholarships are available to students at UM—St. Louis.

Applications are being accepted in the math department for the Annual Mathematical Sciences Alumni Scholarship which will be made to a junior or

senior majoring in mathematics or computer science. The deadline for this application is March 15.

The award will be \$1,100. Applicants must have at least 24 hours of graded coursework at UM—St. Louis and an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher with superior achievement in mathematical science courses.

"We have had as few as eight to ten

applicants in the past," said Edward C. Andaloft of the math department, "so anyone who meets the requirements is encouraged to apply."

Application forms are available from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, 500 Clark Hall.

The department of English is awarding two \$400 scholarships for English majors who have completed 90 credit

hours. One of these awards goes to a student officially enrolled in the Evening College. The deadline for applications is February 16.

To be eligible, a student must have completed at least 18 credit hours in English, exclusive of freshman composition; be enrolled in at least six credit hours if a day student and three credit hours if an Evening college student; and

be enrolled for the Winter semester 1990.

Ellie Chapman of the English department emphasized that selection for this award will be based only on grades.

Applications should include applicant's name, student number, home address, telephone number, and a list of English courses (with grades) taken toward degree.

Applications should be turned into William C. Hamlin, Chairman, English Alumni Committee, Department of English.

A variety of scholarships are offered by other departments such as art, biology, music and history. The Financial Aid Handbook, available in the Financial Aid office, lists many of the scholarships being offered.

Governors' Funding 'Gimmicks' No Help To Nation's Colleges

(CPS)—Student lobbyists and campus administrators have almost uniformly blasted state governors' January proposals for how much they want to spend on public campuses during next school year as lean, mean and laden with funding "gimmicks" that won't help cash-starved schools.

They say their governor's budget proposals, unveiled in most state capitols during the last three weeks of January, almost always broke promises made in 1989 to give more money to colleges.

"In the world of politics, higher education funding is called a high priority, but it's just a lot of rhetoric," said John Leyman, student government president at the University of California at Riverside, after reviewing Gov. George Deukmejian's Jan. 11 state campus spending proposals.

Added Julius Davis of the U.S. Student Association (USSA) in Washington, D.C., "It looks good when politicians say they want to see education get funding

but what that means to most of them is to maintain it at the same level."

While it's too early to compute whether state funding of colleges will rise or fall for the 1990-91 fiscal year, which stretches from July 1, 1990, through June 30, 1991, only one state—Virginia—so far is considering cutting its higher education funds.

Outgoing Gov. Gerald Baliles proposed cutting higher ed funding by five percent, and making up the difference by increasing out-of-state students' tuition by five percent.

State Sen. Dudley Emick warned more cuts could come when legislators debate the proposal during the next few months: "Higher education is a place where some major paring could be done without harm to the institutions."

More typically, the state budget proposals tended to include increases that, after inflation is figured in, turn out to be ephemeral.

"I think the commitment to education is a lot of rhetoric," complained Univer-

sity of Utah student Jay Helton after reading Gov. Norman Bangert's Jan. 11 higher education proposal. "Nobody is putting their money where their mouth is."

Bangert offered Utah's colleges almost \$400 million, a seven percent increase over last year. After accounting for rising costs, however, the additional \$29 million amounts to about a 2 percent increase in real dollars.

In New York, Gov. Mario Cuomo offered state colleges almost \$900 million less than what they had asked for, and then ordered them not to raise tuition to make up the difference.

"I think they can do it without (raising tuition) this year," Cuomo said.

In general, what colleges don't get from legislatures, they have to get from their other major source of funds: students and the tuition students pay.

Virtually all the budget proposals submitted during January presumed campuses would raise students' tuition rates for the next school year.

In California, for example, Deukme-

jian suggested the 13-campus California State University system, the nine-campus University of California campus and the 105-campus community college system make up the difference between what they need and what he offered them by raising students' fees by almost 5 percent.

Cal-Riverside's Leyman warned fees could rise 15-to-24 percent if voters in June reject a state constitutional amendment to let colleges join primary and secondary schools in sharing any surplus state funds.

Yet legislators really are concerned about the students' pocketbooks, maintained John Meyers, education program director for the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL), which tracks state capitol activities.

Meyers charged that, statistically, cuts in federal grant and loan programs have hurt students more than tuition increases mandated by state legislatures.

And even the students who were so disappointed by the January proposals say they understand the governors

would like to give more money to colleges.

Utah's Bangert "gave public education all that he could. He really bent over backwards," conceded critic Helton.

In most of the proposals, however, governors favored primary and secondary schools over higher education.

"When state legislatures appropriate funds for schools, they concentrate more on (grades) K-12," observed Illinois State University Professor Edward Hines, who edits Grapevine, a newsletter that monitors states' education funding.

Some proposals sought to tap "gimmicky" sources of funds for their colleges.

In Kansas, legislators suggested raising the cigarette tax to raise money for education. In New York and California, governors suggested using lottery funds for schools.

This is just a gimmick because the money is never earmarked specifically

for higher education," claimed USSA's Davis.

NCSL's Meyers agreed the "gimmicks" bring only short-term results.

"We've found that the dedication of these funding sources over time doesn't increase the amount of money to be funded for higher education," Meyers said.

On the bright side, Meyers said even the small amounts brought in from these funds, show the nation's governors are at least paying more attention to higher education.

But while legislators claim that education is a top priority, a NCSL survey last August found that states' spending on prisons is growing at a faster rate than spending on schools.

"I don't think (higher education in Virginia) is in a crisis now, but if things continue this way, it will be," said Ron Hohauser, Student Council president at the University of Virginia.

Out of all fifty states, Missouri is 48th in spending for higher education.

Thursday February 1

•**Black History Month.** Arizona State Senator Carolyn Walker will be the featured speaker in the J.C. Penney Auditorium at noon and 7 p.m. A reception will follow the evening lecture. There will be examples of African-American culture on exhibit in the J.C. Penney lobby.

Sunday 4

•**Premiere Performances.** Enrique Graf, a major prize winning pianist from Uruguay will perform at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Tickets are available by calling x5818.

Monday 5

•**Magnetic Personality.** Bernard Feldman will lecture on "Superconductivity" at noon in Room 229 of the J.C. Penney Building. Feldman is a member of the Physics Department. For more information call x5180.

•**All About Eve.** Leadership Training for Women from 1 to 5 p.m. in 211 Clark. Co-Sponsored with the UM—St. Louis Counseling Service this intensive one-day workshop is on giving and getting feedback, goal-setting, and other topics relevant to women considering a position of leadership. For more information call x5711.

Tuesday 6

•**Rain Forests of Madagascar.** Glen Green from Washington University will speak in R223e of the Biology Conference Room. The conference will be presented by the Biology Club. For more information call x6221.

Wednesday 7

•**Basketball.** The Riverwomen vs. UM—Rolla at 5:30 p.m. in Mark Twain Building.

•**Hoopsters.** The Rivermen vs. UM—Rolla at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Building.

•**Disabled Student Union** will meet at 1 p.m. in 427 SSB. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 8

•**"Feminism and Psychotherapy"** will be presented from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in 211 Clark. This seminar looks at feminist theory as it impacts on traditional models of psychotherapy. For more information call x5380.

The 'Bidness' of Football

West's Side Stories

by Julio West
columnist

So the Forty Niners won the Super Bowl again. Ho hum, what's new. It seems like they are winning it every year. My son was born Dec. 24, 1988. There has been no other champion of the Super Bowl in his lifetime.

People say what a great bunch of athlete the team has, and what great coaches. Both of these statements are true. But what makes them so much more dominant than any other team in the NFL and maybe in the entire history of the NFL?

They do have some great players, but let's face it there are only about 1200 people in the whole country that are professional football players. That is a pretty elite group when you think about

it. There are only 28 head coaches, an even more elite group. What are the odds of having the best coach running the team with the best athletes?

Another important cog in the wheel of championship football is ownership. And let's just say that the cheesy, Hallmark-created Boss' Day came early for Edward DeBartolo, Jr. DeBartolo owns the Forty Niners and a lot of other things. He is a very wealthy man. His players know this but they still like him.

They like him enough to pay a fine imposed by the NFL last year. That's right, the employees paid a fine for their mega-rich boss. They did it because they like him and enjoy working for him.

And this year one of his players basically said that DeBartolo can buy anything he wants except a Super Bowl trophy and they try to get that for him. This is still a boss-employee relationship, but something has gone wrong. They like each other. Where is Gene Upshaw or Ceasar Chavez when they are needed?

DeBartolo has taken the "them vs. us" mentality and put it back on the play-

ing field where it belongs. Instead of in the locker room and the boss' office where it is in the 27 other NFL cities. Every NFL player wants to win the Super Bowl, but how many want to win for their boss as much as for themselves? Do you think Stump Mitchell wants to win the Super Bowl for Bill Bidwill? Do the Cardinals want to win the division for Bidwill?

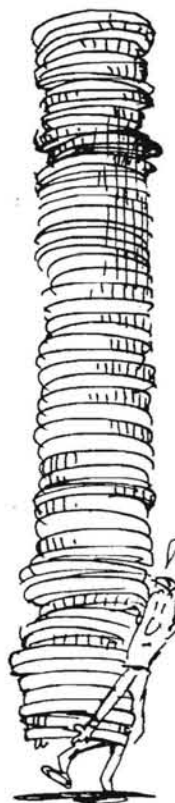
I would be willing to wager that DeBartolo is wealthier than Bidwill because Bidwill is a business man and DeBartolo is a good business man.

The distinction is subtle, but the rewards of treating your employees right is not; witness the Forty Niners' post-game locker room.

DeBartolo hires the right people, gives them what they need to get the job done and expects it to get done. And the job gets done.

People weren't just whistling Dixie when they were saying "Three-peat" for next year.

I wonder if DeBartolo needs a PR person?



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Biting Crime Back

A bill is currently in the Missouri General Assembly that would require college campuses to release their crime statistics to the public. Some schools are resisting the efforts, but that only serves to make one wonder what they are trying to hide.

Students have the right to know how safe their campuses are regardless of how it may damage the image of the particular school. Only about ten percent of schools across the country bother to report their crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which tracks criminal activities. This situation can create a false sense of security among college students. Without knowledge of criminal activity on campus, students can be lulled into neglecting basic security precautions.

A \$2 million out of court settlement was made in Pennsylvania after parents of a girl who was beaten, raped and murdered in her dorm room. The decision was based on the fact that crime stats were not available to even know that a crime of this nature was even likely.

Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee have laws governing crime statistics. Missouri should join them in helping students protect themselves. Just how many cars are broken into on this campus? Has anyone ever been raped? We don't know. Fortunately, the police at UM—St. Louis are fairly cooperative when we need information from them, but they know how to give just enough information to write the story. Incidents involving students are labeled "confidential" because they fall under the university's discipline code.

Although the bill might take a little of the gleam off the shining armor of the colleges, it would do a great service to students. Write your state representative and encourage them to vote for House Bill 971.

Wasted Time, Money

Imagine driving to school listening to your favorite radio station when all of a sudden part of a great song is bleeped off the air.

If state representative Jean Dixon and her holier-than-thou cronies have their way, most songs would be one long bleep, or better yet, not even make to the airwaves.

Why are the taxpayers willing to let Dixon (R-Springfield) and local rep Jean Mathews (dist. 73 in Florissant) decide what is "moral" when they should be concerned with more important things like education, the homeless, AIDS and a myriad of other topics? Forcing the moral views of the few onto the many is ludicrous at best and unconstitutional and a crime against society at its worst.

Have Dixon and Mathews ever heard of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States? In talking to Mathews about the bill, the Current found that they just want to label albums that deal with suicide, drug use, violence and other taboo topics in cases where it is deemed by them to be extreme. Why then does the bill state that the first offense is a misdemeanor and the second a felony?

What about all of the country songs that deal with shooting the man that had an affair with the singer's wife. Or what about those great songs about getting drunk with the boys in the pickup truck? Mathews feels that these aren't really as extreme as the lyrics from Ozzy Osborne and company.

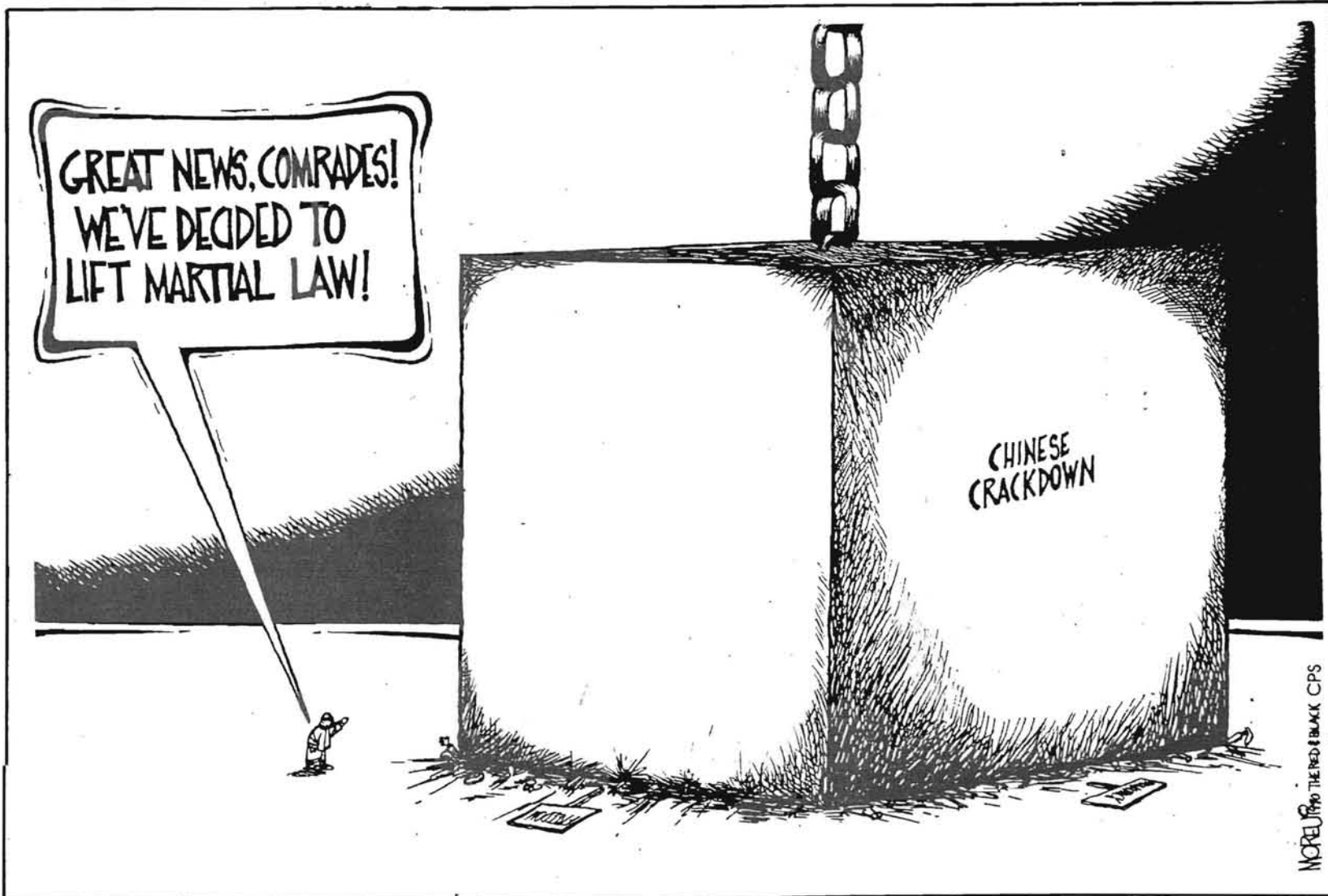
It seems really hard to believe that an Ozzy Osborne song could drive someone to commit suicide. It might be easier to think that Johnny Cash or Waylon Jennings could bring someone to the edge, but there still has to be a cause other than the music.

The bill seems to be tailored for lazy parents who want the state to babysit for them. If someone doesn't want their kids to listen to this sort of music, they should take a listen to what is being blasted at maximum volumes from the kids' bedrooms and take an interest in the children's lives for a change.

Mathews counters with the notion that parents can't watch their kids 24 hour a day. True, but if parents are concerned about the music they should put in enough effort to know what kind of music they listen to.

Mathews and Dixon may work on topics such as education and the homeless in addition to their crusade, but that still doesn't mean that tax money isn't being wasted while they try to prescribe their morals to the world.

To use a tired cliché, one man's trash is another's art. There's a lyric from Pink Floyd's "The Wall" that goes, "Goodbye cruel world, I'm leaving you today. Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye." Maybe Dixon and company should fix the "cruel world" instead of the song lamenting it.



Columnist Puts Bite Back Into Animal Rights

Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe
managing editor

In the beginning God created fur coats and they belonged to the animals; then God created Humans and then the fur coats belonged to them. The animals were cold.

Wearing a fur coat can be very dangerous these days. Animal rights wackos, members of Greenpeace, and previously respected members of the acting profession have organized in an attempt to warn the world of the "cruelties" inherent in the production of fur fashions.

These animal groupies go around professing that animals have rights. Last time I checked the founding fathers hadn't written, "...that all men and chimpanzees are created equal."

And I'm sure Abraham Lincoln didn't say, "...our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men and raccoons are created equal." Yet these crazed animal do gooders say that animals have rights that supercede humans' rights.

The last time I checked, humans were a higher link in the food chain. You know, survival of the fittest and all that.

I am not saying that endangered animals should be used in fur coats. How anyone could kill a poor helpless baby snow seal is beyond me. Maybe someone should bop those hunters on the head. But animals that are not endangered can be raised or trapped for their fur.

There are countless stories of how innocent animals who are not suppose to be trapped wander into these traps and are killed. For the most part, however, they are part of the sensational media attention surrounding the fur issue. If people are concerned about illegal traps, make the laws stricter. If they kill endangered animals, arrest them. But

if they buy a legal fur coat, leave them alone.

By abusing those that wear furs, these radicals also abuse human rights. In no case are animal rights higher than human rights.

Activists say it is all right to use the leather from cattle because we use all the parts of cows. Well I'm sure hindus feel that cows have rights since this is a sacred animal in their religion. Besides do you really know what the by-products used in bologna are: colons (including semis), hooves, ears, and assorted genitalia. MMM yummy!

In a recent episode of *Designing Women*, Suzanne Sugarbaker, my

heroine, quipped, "You mean to tell me that if I eat a mink steak, my mink coat is all right?" The remark was humorous but does point out the ridiculous arguments that are used against mink wearers.

Early French and American fur-trappers, while using a majority of their catch, could not have possibly utilized all the meat of the animals they trapped, some of it was down right nasty.

There is nothing wrong with using fur for fashion. It is elegant, warm and perhaps the most natural of materials. And all you animal activist take warning—don't mess with this fur owner, I bite back.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No One Free Till Everyone is Free

Dear Editor,

The dream isn't dead, but some of have brains that are, at the very least, asleep. All the rhetoric for and against whether Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday should be a national holiday overlooks two important ideas: 1) the civil rights movement never was For Blacks Only, and 2) none of us is free until all of us are free.

Last week one of my classes was examining front pages of newspapers from around the country, when one student pointed out a photo in a Tulsa paper that showed a group of people participating in a King memorial march. "Why are there so many white people in the photo?" the student asked. "I

thought Martin Luther King day was for Black people."

Now that I think about it, it has been more than a generation since the events of the Sixties were front page news. Sadly, we remember more about the anti-Vietnam War protests of that era than we remember about the complexities of the civil rights movement.

We forget that white college students from Michigan piled into their Volkswagens and drove to Mississippi on spring break to help with voter registration drives. We forget that female white students at the University of Arkansas walked picket lines to protest segregated dormitories.

There is only one thing about 1968 that I will always remember: joining hun-

dreds of white college professors and students at the campus in Pittsburg, Kansas where I was an instructor to march in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. after his assassination. As we marched through downtown, men armed with hunting rifles guarded the roofs of buildings in the business district in case the crowd should get out of hand. It was a scene repeated in countless academic settings across America, and many of us in our 40s and 50s will remember where we were on that day.

As a child, I saw "For Whites Only" and "Colored" signs in bus station waiting rooms in Oklahoma and Texas. Today those signs are gone, but the prejudice behind them remains - especially in the "Blacks Only" categories we

assign to certain issues and events.

In a seldom quoted passage from the Aug. 28, 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, King said,

"Many of our colored brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back."

The dream is still there for those who dare to dream it.

Judi Linville

Reverse Discrimination Complaints Petty

Dear Editor,

Since Shawn Foppe can trumpet his racist views weekly in the *Current* (the Oblivion column, "Reverse Discrimination: It's Not Just for Fairytale Anymore," Jan. 25 edition), this will be my last salvo in this war of words. However, his absurd examples of "reverse discrimination" beg a response.

Foppe describes two white workers upset that black coworkers could take

off Martin Luther King day without using leave time. Does this compare to the problem of black employment that affirmative action is meant to address?

The UM Board of Curators moves to make overcrowding one less obstacle that minority student seeking education must face. This seriously impedes white students from obtaining an education?

Vivus Jones alienates white suburbanites with his demands for black parity in allocations for the contracting and

professional work for an unneeded (sic) new stadium. If we can't get county sports fans behind that project, the city's resources just might get redirected restoring much needed hospital services to blacks in the city. Foppe certainly wouldn't want that. (The suggestion that the Hyatt Regency disaster had something to do with poor work by black contractors is, of course, a lie.)

In the same week this latest column appeared, *The Riverfront Times*

published a statistic that puts Foppe's petty complaints about "reverse discrimination" in proper perspective: the chance that a black American man will find himself in prison has risen from a frightening 1 in 56 in 1980 to an appalling 1 in 36 in 1989. One does not have to wear rose-colored glasses to understand the meaning of that statistic.

Sincerely,
Kenn Thomas

Knee-Jerk Reaction Not Accurate Picture Of Rolla

Dear Editor,

While at UM—St. Louis to teach an evening engineering class Jan. 22 I picked up a copy of your Jan. 18 issue, and was rather depressed at the immature nature of your editorial "Sour Grapes." I'm not commenting on the aspirations of St. Louis for an engineering program, which are understandable. I am decrying the knee-jerk journalist cant that "In

towns like Rolla... businesses exist only to bleed students dry" so they are "crying over fewer students to rob blind" rather than "giving the students a brea instead of milking them for every penny they can."

A responsible journalist, whether at the university or professional level, first researches to find if his or her suspicions are based in fact. I've lived in bi

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Daniel Babcock

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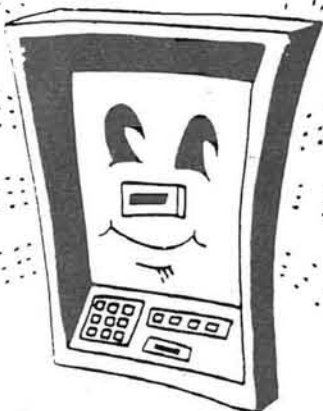
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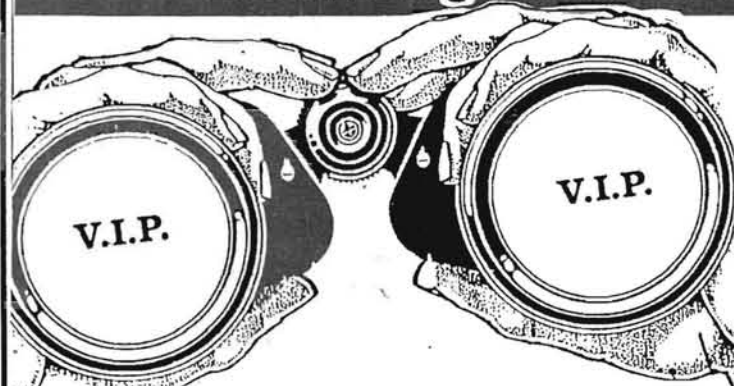
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What the hell does this mean??

I just swam the mile and it's hard.

Spaz, the Garbage man lost his trash. Is it cruel to celebrate? I'm giving Mr. Cool a call this week. How's your dance man? First "A" of the semester came today! Garbage man knows about my new color scheme. Cruiser

Congratulations to the new Omega pledge class initiates. Keep showing your Zeta spirit! Zeta love, all your Sisters.

To my best sisters-Delta Zees-but ready to party hearty Feb 2--- 'cuz we R family Na Na Na. I've got all my sisters with me! Get up and sing U!!! Hey now! The WILD ONE-No "L"

Spaz, Ugh!!! Spending half my life in TJL/EL. Campus in the dark is 40 hours of work. Attempts on my life in my old neighborhood: Back stabbing feels like heart stabbing. Pollution spreads without the garbage man even smelling it.

Michele, Hey there. You are so special to me. At Yale, we sailed with Quayle through the thousand points of light. Come over to the White House any time you like. Your buddy, G. Bush

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Southern Hospitality South Campus Offers Variety Of Programs Optometry School Has Eye On The Future

Michelle McMurray
reporter

If you need eyecare or want to study about it, take a look into the UM—St. Louis Optometry School. It is a different world on that part of the south campus, and what they do.

All of the students are full time. Most have bachelors degrees ranging from Biology, Education, to Theater, Spanish, and Communications. Dean Jerry Christensen said pre-optometry classes of physics, chemistry, and calculus are required of everyone. It is competitive to be admitted because there are only 16 optometry schools in the country.

UM—St. Louis only selects 40 students a year. The average is six or seven applicants for each space. An intensive interview and the OAT, Optometry admissions test are required. The admissions committee reviews everything and selects the 40. Last year over 300 students were turned down.

Graduating is only one of the last steps to practice. Each graduate must take a state board to be licensed in the state they will practice in. Brenda Christensen, head of public relations said the students put in many hours doing clinical so they are active in the profession before they practice.

The students and faculty are excited about all the new expansions coming up. In the near future an ophthalmologist will be making visits to the school to do minor eye surgery. A vision care clinic will open in East St. Louis in about another year. It will be run in conjunction with SIU-E. Christensen explained that the possibilities of doing laser research at UM—St. Louis could happen in the next six months.

The graduate program is in the final

step. The Masters of Science and Ph.D program in Physiological Optics, which means vision science, could start in the next six to nine months. Corneal and contact lens research started in January, and is funded by the federal government and contact lens corporations.

A full service vision care clinic is run by Dr. Steven J. Grondalski, acting clinic director.

"We give the best quality eye care at reasonable costs and provide primary eye exams to make sure the eye is healthy," Grondalski said. "We also evaluate the patient to be sure the eyes are utilized efficiently for computer work, school, and sports. We also check for cataracts and glaucoma."

Grondalski says the doctor can look in the back of the eye and tell if a patient has diabetes or high blood pressure. The clinic will test the patient for diabetes with a blood test.

A routine eye exam is \$24. All UM—St. Louis students, faculty, alumni, retired and regular employees get a 20 percent discount.

The low vision care helps patients by the use of telescopes, microscopes, and closed circuit TV. Grondalski says the success rate for low vision care is 85 percent.

He said the clinic offers designer eye frames marked up enough to cover cost. Polo frames in a commercial store would cost \$120, but are offered in the clinic for \$60.

When asked why they wanted to pursue this profession some second year students said, "I wanted to help people. I wanted to be in the health field. Optometry is constantly expanding."

Larry Richardson, a third year student and president of the American Optometric Association, gave his reason for choosing this field.

"There is a lot of independence and it is a high skilled health profession."

The school has an abundance of clubs and social activities, Richardson says.

"It is a unique situation being on a separate campus. Most of the students here are not from St. Louis and rely on the school for a social life. Most UM—St. Louis students have friends and family here," Richardson said.

The upper classmen have a big brother, big sister program. When new students come in they help them get adjusted to school and St. Louis.

The school has a sports department with a basketball and track team. Every year the "Corneal Classic Golf Tournament" is sponsored by various groups and is open to anyone who wants to play.

There are fraternities, organizations and even the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists. The school has its own minority affairs department which actively recruits minorities. They have the only school yearbook complete with wedding pictures of the students and baby announcements.

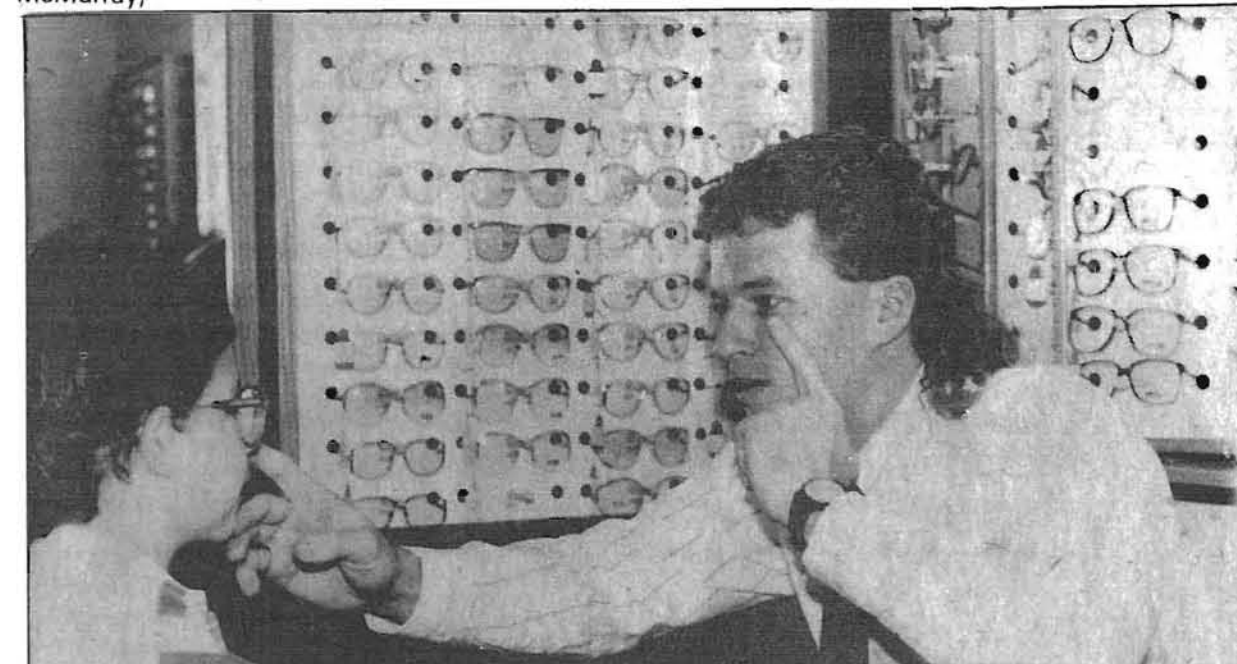
One of the many organizations is the Volunteer Optometry Services to Humanity (VOSH). People can donate used glasses. The glasses are tested for the prescription, and taken to third world countries for distribution. Brenda Christensen says the natives are always glad to receive them.

The big gala event is the Shadow Ball, a black tie affair which first honored Arnold Grobman. He played a key role in getting the School of Optometry on the St. Louis campus. The ball benefits the eye clinic in the central west end which gets no funds from the university. The clinic is for patients who can not afford private eye care.

The third year students host the "Eyeball" formal dinner dance for seniors, faculty, and staff. The students say they are very close from being in classes together for four years.

Brenda Christensen says they are trying to help the students feel a part of the north campus. They use the school colors on the yearbook, and participate in campus activities like the Christmas tree celebration. Some of the Optometry students are on the University Senate. The graduates receive their doctoral hoods at an honors banquet, then graduate in May.

WHAT'S UP DOC: Dr. Ruth Jenkins, Coordinator of Graduate Studies in the School of Nursing supervises the administration of the Denver Developmental Screening test on Layne Thompson. (photo by Michelle McMurray)



THE EYES HAVE IT: Eye screenings are performed at the optometry clinic on the south campus by students to gain practical experience. (photo by Michelle McMurray)

Student Group Supports Kids

by Felicia Swiener
reporter

"If there is a problem, these people know where I am," Faye Hanson, vice president of Students in Support of Children said.

Students in Support of Children (SSC) is a student oriented organization made up of students as parents, elementary education majors and any other UM—St. Louis students who are interested in child development and education. Through seminars and workshops they are able to provide information and/or services to other students and the community.

Lisa Thompson, staff advisor, and Patty Houschild, past president agreed that SSC was set up to inform students and the campus community

about what's important to children.

SSC plans to have Lori Geisman-Ryan, a teacher of early childhood education speak on the ABC act (Act for Better Childcare) which is a big issue supporting childcare facilities and facilities.

"Part of our job is education," Hanson said.

Along with the seminars to help out students they also have projects to help out the Normandy community. November 27 through December 1, the are holding their annual hat and mitten drive which collects warm coats and other clothes along with some toys for the needy children at the Hope center.

In January, they are sponsoring a program on CPR that is open to all students and the community.

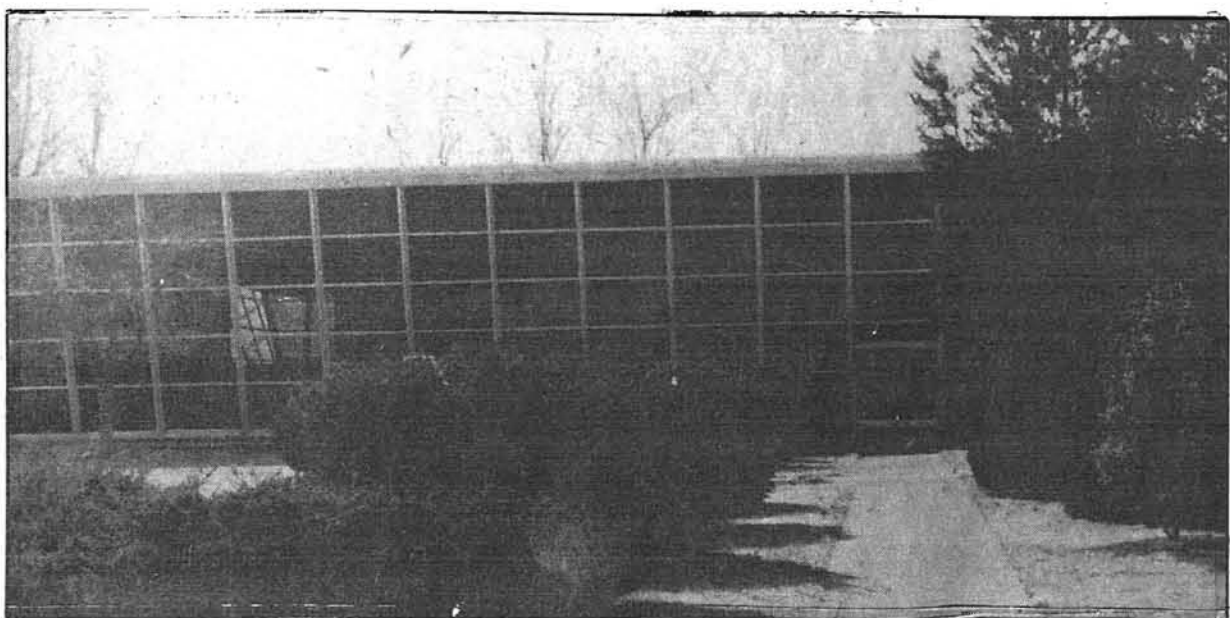
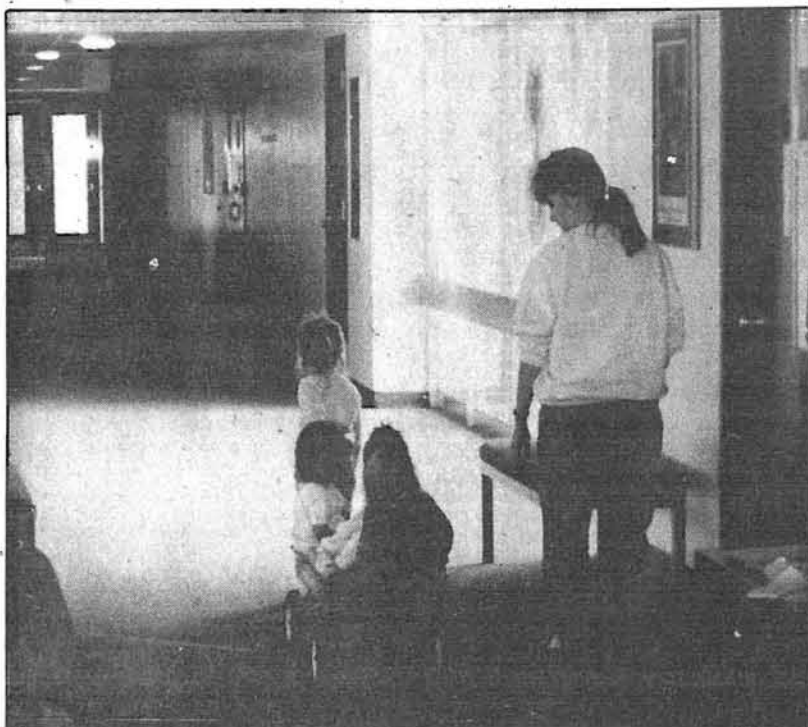
SSC started in 1986 by the people at the Child Development Center as a way to receive money from Student Activities to help upgrade day care programs. With this \$8,000 a year Day Care program can provide discounts for students and Evening Care can operate on a cheaper basis. The center provides a two percent discount for students for each class hour up to a total of 24 percent off. This is double the amount of last year and is benefitting many more students as parents.

"It is something really quality," Faye Hanson, UM—St. Louis co-president of SSC said about her discount. Although two percent doesn't sound like much, it took off one-fourth of her total childcare bill this year.

This program also allows for Evening care to be provided for \$1.50 an hour for children ages two to twelve. Eventually the Evening Care plans to bring infants into the program.

President Krystal Johnson said, "[SSC is] really beneficial. Some of the students are single parents and need to watch their kids. The child discount helps."

SSC is designed for student information and welfare of the children. They hold meetings once a month which are usually scheduled a week in advance. There is no cost for membership and any UM—St. Louis student can join. Lisa Thompson can be reached at the Child Development Center at 553-5658.



CRUISIN': Kids from the day care center out for a spin through the halls. **ABOVE:** The Education Library is one of two libraries on the south campus. (photos by Scott Brandt)

Child Care Center Thrives

by Laura Berardino
features editor

Upon coming to the fork in the road she wonders which direction to continue. Her destination does not have the distinction of a marker, unlike the other organizations that reside on this side of Natural Bridge. Knowing that the nursing and optometry facilities are to the left, she chooses the right.

She is almost ready to give up when the road winds into a dead end. But at that moment she spots a jungle gym, evidence that she has finally made it to the end of her journey.

She parks her car in rather small and derelict parking lot and heads for the double doors.

Inside there is a hush, but then she expected that. It's nap time for little ones.

She has time to look around what must have once been a gymnasium, but now is day care for about sixty-five to seventy-five infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Partisans divide the enormous gymnasium into smaller rooms. Paintings and drawings, obviously created by the now sleeping children, hanging on the walls help make the atmosphere friendly. Throw rugs also add to the affect.

Patti Hausechild approaches and introduces herself. The director, Lisa Thompson is busy at the moment so she offers to give the grand tour.

The first stop on the tour is not made of partisans, but an actual room for infants. The center can only take a few infants at a time she explains so there is usually a waiting list of a year to a year and half.

"But it varies from semester to semester since most of the parents are faculty and students."

At this point the couple is interrupted by a wail from one of the rooms inhabitants. A little girl waddles to Hausechild with open arms. Obviously they are old friends. Hausechild scoops the child into her arms and continues the tour.

Children are divided by age groups into their respective rooms.

The next stop has a room of preschoolers sleeping on their respective cots.

In another room, a teacher sets out the afternoon snacks on tables made for little bodies. That nutrition is important is evident in what the children are about to be served - grapes, and peanut butter and graham crackers.

When the visitor notes the number of young looking "teachers," Hausechild notes that, "We're considered part of the School of Education. For some of their practicums they have to come here and observe or play with the children." Once in a while high school students come

to do volunteer service.

Yet another room has small bags of Eckerts apples, which are the rewards of a field trip.

The trio cuts through the kitchen and out a door that leads to the playground. Within the fenced in area there are overturned tricycles and various pieces of permanent equipment meant to keep a child entertained. Hausechild explains that the newest piece of equipment, a jungle gym type of structure has been donated by PCA Industries.

When they return into the building, the children are rousing from their naps and Lisa Thompson has a free moment to speak to the visitor.

Hausechild has informed the visitor that pizza sales is one of the fund raisers being employed to help the center get renovations in order to be licensed by the state.

"We're trying to be licensed by the state of Missouri even though we're exempt from licensing because we're university based [state funded]. But we feel it's important for all centers to be licensed and adhere to standards," Hausechild said.

Thompson pointed out some of the structures physical problems. "We can't have an exit through the kitchen. We also have to have a taller wall to separate the toddlers from the preschool program." Some future plans for renovation also include lowering the ceiling to bring down the noise level and conserve energy. After that's done walls that run from floor to ceiling can be erected to make children not feel like they are part of a huge group. An infant/toddler playground would be safer for the youngsters. Extra storage space would also be nice.

But those things are not a priority at the moment. "Those type of things are not required for licensing but certainly improve the level of care," Thompson said.

The noise level has increased as the children are finished with their snacks and ambitiously seeking another activity. About this time parents start streaming in to pick up their darlings.

Although the afternoon shift has almost finished, there is a night time care program offered for the night students.

The visitor leaves the Child Development Center with a satisfied smile.

Educating The Teachers

by John J. Ryan
reporter

UM—St. Louis's hidden South Campus may just as well be shrouded in a fog when the sun shines on the North Campus. Few students know of its existence, while others may have just seen it on a map but given it little thought other than they are glad they don't have to walk from SSB to the other side of Natural Bridge for class.

But the South Campus does hold importance to the UM—St. Louis community. It contains, among other schools, the School of Education.

The School of Education is housed in the immense Marillac Hall, a building whose architectural design makes it look well-suited as a retirement community. But once inside, the building directory reveals the School of Education's unexpected bureaucracy: the School is divided into four departments: Behavioral Studies; Educational Studies; Elementary and Early Childhood Education; and Physical Education.

The Behavioral Studies Department is chaired by Arthur E. Smith. According to the UM—St. Louis Bulletin it "coordinates work in education psychology, counseling, special education, and related area." The department also has a Special Education program to "teach the educable mentally retarded, severely handicapped, emotionally disturbed, or learning disabled children."

The Educational Studies department is chaired by John A. Henschke. It "coordinates programs that prepare students for teaching subjects in secondary schools and middle schools."

A special feature of the Educational Studies department is the recent initiation of a nationwide telecourse offered via satellite, called "Basic Education: Teaching the Adult." The course is currently available for adult basic education teachers who are learning how to teach illiterate adults.

The Elementary and Early Childhood Education department is chaired by Thomas R. Schnell. It "coordinates programs leading to the B.S. in Education degree in early childhood and elementary education," according to the UM—St. Louis Bulletin.

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The Department of Physical Education, chaired by Bruce A. Clark, coordinates programs in physical education. The number of students enrolling in undergraduate courses in the School of Education is "mushrooming" according to John Henschke. This is due to a variety of factors, the most important being the demand for teachers has increased.

Freshman, Lori Freiermuth is majoring in Secondary Education and will teach chemistry at the high school level. She felt that as an education major, "You have to student teach for a semester but then before that you take a class where you go and observe teacher."

Her biggest complaint about the

South Campus is that she felt "classes should be on the same campus because there's not enough time in between classes to get from one campus to the other." Parking also presents a problem in that later in the morning there are few parking spaces available on either campus.

There are plusses to the South Campus, though. One student said that "It is a lot friendlier- more people know each other." She confirmed the fact that there is a cafeteria on the South Campus and a student lounge.

Students interested in majoring in education can call the office of Undergraduate Studies in Education at 553-5937 or stop by 303 Lucas Hall.

Desparately Seeking The Simpsons

Elvis Hotline

Greg Albers
columnist

To all the people arguing about the legality of the last play of Bud Bowl II: GET A GRIP. It isn't real. They're just bottles with little helmets on. Go back to your trailers, drink some Stag beer and watch professional wrestling on TV.

It's hoosiers like you who give the Midwest a bad name. It's rednecks like you who make people around the nation think every resident of Missouri has a more than casual relationship with livestock. Even in these

enlightened times, there are some people who think St. Louisans are nothing but inbred hayseeds from the backwoods. If you don't believe me, ask Jeffery Leonard. But I digress.

The real issue at hand is how can people get so involved and caught up in an advertising campaign. Whoever came up with the Bud Bowl concept must be living on easy street now. Vegas was even taking bets on the game. People were foaming that Bud wasn't allowed to kick the extra point. (The point spread was 2½.)

For those of you who turned on The Simpsons before the game ended, I'll quickly recap. (By the way, if anyone happened to tape that episode, please call me at 553-5174.

I'm serious about this.) Bud was knocking at the door in the midst of a terrible snowstorm. Time was running out in the fourth quarter and Budlight led 34-30. There was a fumble as time ran out and Bud recovered in the endzone for an apparent score.

Then some over zealous sportsneds with too much time on their hands pointed out the fact that according to NFL rules, a fumble cannot be advanced by the offensive team in the last two minutes of a game unless it is recovered by the fumbling player. At this time, I would like to remind you that these are beer bottles we're talking about.

If that wasn't ridiculous enough, Anheuser Busch came out with a statement explaining that although

the rule existis in the NFL, there is no such standard in the BFL (Beer Football League). Oh good. It truly is a relief to know that's all been cleared up. I wouldn't want that ugly matter to linger on too long.

I'm not claiming immunity from Budbowlitis. It was entertaining and it was fun to see a close game to distract fans from a boring blowout. But come on! There has to be some limits to what people will do to entertain themselves. And there wasn't even any Bud Bowl cheerleaders (Bud Bimbos). Think how excited these people would have been then. The next thing you know we'll all be talking about the big tag team wrestling match featuring the Pillsbury Dough Boy and the Keebler elves taking on the California raisins.

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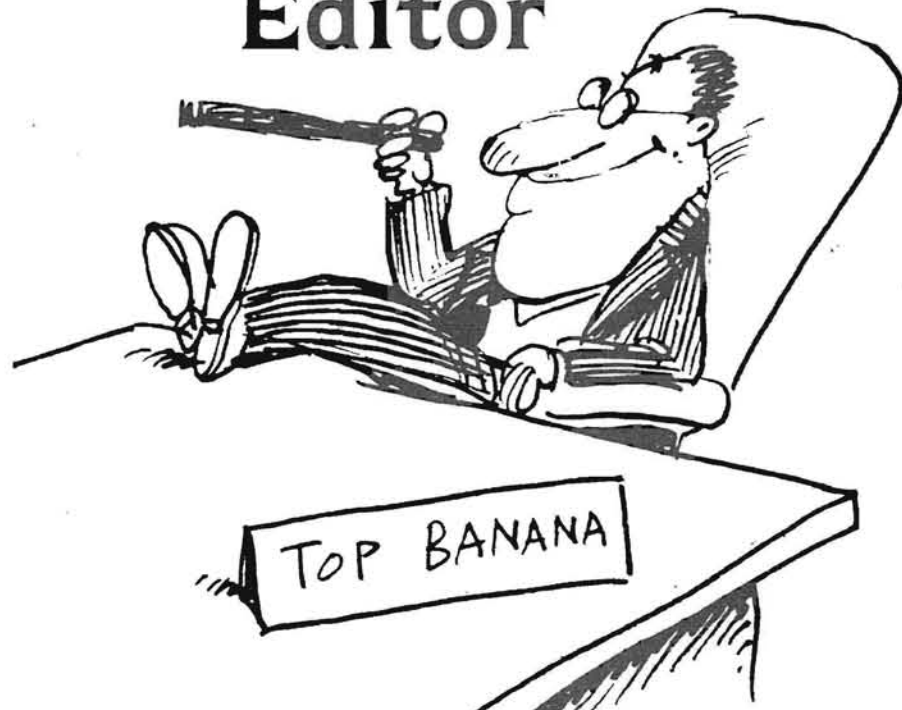
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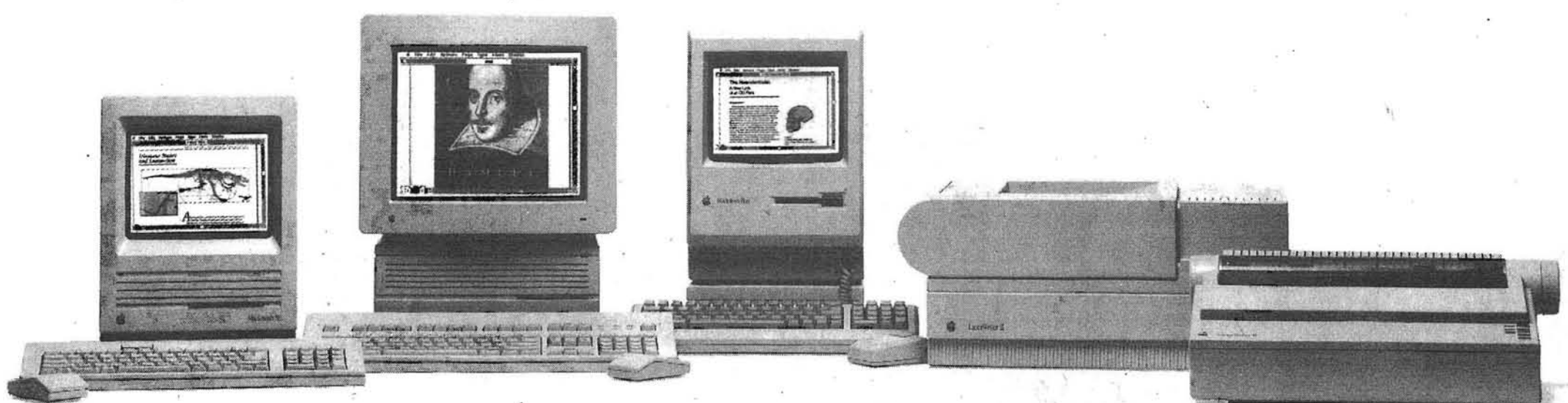
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What the hell does this mean??

I just swam the mile and it's hard.

Spaz, the Garbage man lost his trash. Is it cruel to celebrate? I'm giving Mr. Cool a call this week. How's your dance man? First "A" of the semester came today! Garbage man knows about my new color scheme. Cruiser

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Spaz, Ugh!!! Spending half my life in TJL/EL. Campus in the dark is 40 hours of work. Attempts on my life in my old neighborhood: Back stabbing, feels like heart stabbing. Pollution spreads without the garbage man even smelling it.

Michele, Hey there. You are so special to me. At Yale, we sailed with Quayle through the thousand points of light. Come over to the White House any time you like. Your buddy, G. Bush

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